

ERIE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES (NOTES) OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair, George Morgan III, at 6:16 p.m. on February 24, 2015. The following Commission members were in attendance: George Morgan III, Robert Howden, and Willie McAdory. The following Commission staff members were also present: Charlotte Scalise and Heidi Meyer. The following Commission members were absent: Tom Wellington, Amy Danzer, Judy Jobes, Robert Currie, Mary Hayes and Victoria Taylor.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: As there was not a quorum of members present, approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2015 will be postponed until the March meeting.

III. DIRECTOR'S AND FINANCIAL REPORT: There was no report given, as the Executive Director was not present.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. CITY CDBG APPLICATION: The City has approved the Commission's application for funding to conduct a fair housing testing project in the City. The Contract for funds from the City's 2014 CDBG allocation is in the process of being executed. Heidi Meyer explained the process that the Commission and staff will follow once the funding is secured in order to complete the project by the June 30, 2015 deadline.

B. ACT 137 FUNDING: The Commission has submitted a request for Act 137 funds from the County of Erie in order to conduct fair housing testing in the County. Staff is hopeful that the request will be approved so that fair housing testing can be done in the County, as well as the City.

C. MILLCREEK CDBG APPLICATION: The Commission has also submitted an application to Millcreek Township in an attempt to obtain CDBG funding in order to conduct a fair housing testing project in that municipality. The application was for 2015 CDBG funds, but the municipality also has funds from its 2014 allocation that need to be "reprogrammed" and utilized within the same time frame as the funds that the Commission is going to receive from the City. The Commission is hopeful that it will be granted funds from either the 2014 reprogrammed funds or from the 2015 allocation so that a fair housing testing program can be implemented in Millcreek Township.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ATTORNEY GENERAL CONSUMER FAIR – MARCH 6, 2015 (10:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.) AT THE MILLCREEK MALL: Charlotte Scalise gave a brief description of this event and asked that any Commission member who may be able to assist with staffing an informational table at this event call her or email her.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion was cast by Robert Howden and was seconded by George Morgan III. All were in favor. The next regularly-scheduled Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted by Commission Staff, Heidi Meyer.